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In re Patent Application of :

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For: A COMPOSITION COMPRISING AN ENZYME HAVING
GALACTOSE OXIDASE ACTIVITY AND USE THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION OF JANUARY 17, 2003
AND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF AUGUST 27, 2002

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property
and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Communication of January 17, 2003 ("Communication")
and Supplemental to the Response to Office Action Restriction Requirement of August
27, 2002 (filed on November 27, 2002), please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

I. TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH EXAMINER

At the beginning of January, 2003, the Examiner called the undersigned Counsel
and requested Applicants to elect a single species within each of the three groupings of
species elected in the November 27th Response. The three groupings were:

1. For an oxidizable substrate for galactose oxidase: the species of galactose
oligomer or galactose dimer;